

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An e-mail processing server for relaying an e-mail which is transmitted between mobile terminals and performing a lottery to award a prize to a user of the mobile terminal, comprising:

a receiver for receiving an e-mail from a first mobile terminal and a sender for sending the e-mail to a second mobile terminal;

a storage for storing send information of the e-mail, which is sent from the receiver or sender, the send information including the number of received e-mails and total amount of received data by said first and second mobile terminals;

a winning probability decider for deciding a winning probability of a drawing of lots applied to a user of the second mobile terminal according to the send information stored in the storage; and a lot-drawer for executing a lot-drawing from the winning probability decided by the winning probability decider,

wherein if the winning probability results in the second mobile terminal winning a prize, a winning notification is attached to only one of the received e-mails sent from said first mobile terminal prior to being reviewed by said second mobile terminal.

2. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, further comprising:

a notice information sender for sending notice information, which informs an event that the e-mail is sent, to the second mobile terminal; and

a request-to-send information receiver for receiving request-to-send information, which is sent from the second mobile terminal, for requesting to send an e-mail that the notice information shows; wherein said sender sends

the e-mail to the second mobile terminal in response to the request-to-send information received by the request-to-send information receiver.

3. (Currently amended) An e-mail processing server for relaying ~~an e-mail which is~~emails which are transmitted between mobile terminals and performing a lottery to award a prize to users of the mobile terminals, comprising:

a sending/receiving unit that receives an e-mail from a first mobile terminal and ~~sending~~sends the e-mail to a second mobile terminal;

a storing unit that stores send information of the e-mail, which is sent by the sending/receiving unit, the send information including the number of received e-mails and total amount of received data by said first and second mobile terminals; and

a lot-drawing unit that executes a lot-drawing applied to a user of the second mobile terminal when the send information stored in the storing unit satisfies a predetermined condition, wherein

when the lottery-drawing results in the user of the second mobile terminal winning a prize, a winning notification is attached to only one of the received e-mails sent from the first mobile terminal to the second mobile terminal.

4. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 3, wherein

the sending/receiving unit includes:

a receiving unit that receives the e-mail from the first mobile terminal;

a notice information sending unit that sends notice information, which informs an event that the e-mail is sent, to the second mobile terminal;

a request-to-send information receiving unit that receives request-to-send information, which is sent from the second mobile terminal, for requesting to send an e-mail that the notice information shows; and
a sending unit that sends the e-mail to the second mobile terminal in response to the request-to-send information by the request-to-send information receiving unit.

5. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, further comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring, from a database, storing location information

showing a location on a network, where contents of a prize awarded to a user who won the lot-drawing are stored; and

a storing location information sender for attaching the storing location information acquired by the acquiring device to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

6. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 3, further comprising:

an acquiring unit that acquires from a database, storing location information showing storing location on a network, where contents of a prize awarded to a user who won the lot-drawing are stored; and

a storing location information sending unit that attaches the storing location information acquired by the acquiring unit to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

7. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, wherein the prize involves digital contents that are enabled to play with the mobile terminal, and further comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring, from a database, storing location information showing a location on a network, where the digital contents are stored; and

a storing location information sender for attaching the storing location information acquired by the acquiring device to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

8. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 3, wherein the prize involves digital contents that are enabled to play with the mobile terminal, and further comprising:

an acquiring unit that acquires storing location information showing storing location on a network, where the digital contents are stored, from a database; and

a storing location information sending unit that attaches the storing location information acquired by the acquiring unit to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

9. (Currently Amended) A system that monitors emails sent and received by mobile terminals for use in a lottery, comprising:

at least first and second mobile terminals; and

a server which relays the emails sent from one of said first or second mobile terminals to the other, the server storing mobile terminal information which includes the number of emails received by each of the at least first and

second mobile terminals and also the total amount of data received by each of the at least first and second mobile terminals,

wherein the server determines a winner of a prize using at least part of the mobile terminal information and attaches a winning notification when this determination is made to only one email corresponding to the winner.